

B. Specification

Please amend the paragraphs at page 17, line 4, through page 18, line 2, as follows:

The position of the carriage 50 can be grasped exactly even during its operation when the linear encoder 101 reads the line numbers of the linear scale 102. In the initial setting operation of the recording apparatus, the carriage 50 moves toward the right side end of the chassis 8 in Fig. 1. Then, the carriage 50 abuts against a certain position and does not move any more, where changes are no longer observable in the signals from the linear encoder 101. This position is the referential position (home position) thereof. Also, when the carriage 50 moves toward the left end side in Fig. 1, which is opposite to the referential position, the carriage 50 abuts against a certain position likewise and does not move any more, where changes are no longer observable in the signals from the linear encoder 101.

Fig. 4 is a view which schematically shows the positional relations between the guide shaft 81, the guide rail 82 and the center of gravity or the like of the carriage ~~portion-5~~ 50 in the carriage portion 5 of the aforesaid recording apparatus in a state of being observed from the side end of the recording apparatus. In this respect, each reference mark used in Fig. 4 means the following, respectively: